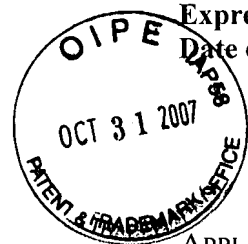


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**Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114**

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application. The additional elements required for the RCE are listed below:

1. Response and Amendment (12 pgs);
2. Petition for Extension of Time (1 pg);
3. Declaration of Sean Farmer and Appendix (3 pgs);
4. Check No. 24865 in the amount of \$230.00 for extension fee;
5. Check No. 24864 in the amount of \$405.00 to cover the RCE fee; and
6. Return Postcard.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114, Applicants herein request continued examination of Application No. 09/509,159. Included with this request are the required elements of 1) a request (this document); 2) a submission; and 3) a fee to cover the Request for Continued Examination. The submission provided herein is an Amendment and Response. With a Two-Month Extension of Time, this request is due on or before November 29, 2007. Such a submission is a proper submission in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.114 (c).

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Respectfully submitted,



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